

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the abstract as indicated:

A computer system requiring input of a password on startup has an on-screen keyboard generation division [[20]] for displaying an on-screen keyboard [[210]] having a predetermined key layout on a touch panel [[200]], a keyboard type determination division [[10]] for determining the key layout of the on-screen keyboard [[210]] displayed on this touch panel [[200]], and a password checking division [[40]] for processing a password inputted by pointing to the on-screen keyboard [[210]] displayed on this touch panel [[200]]. The key layout displayed on the touch panel is determined by a user pressing a particular key on a mechanical keyboard, which identifies which layout is to be displayed on the touch panel.